

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1. (Currently Amended)

A cabinet opening structure for an apparatus having a sheet transporting member comprising:

a side cabinet having an openable a portion which can be opened in a first direction; and
the side cabinet having a front flange;
an operating member first and second operating members connected to the transporting
member unit which can be manually operated for operating the sheet transporting member;
wherein; the first and second operating members are concealed when the side cabinet is
closed and the first and second operating members are exposed when the side cabinet is in the
open position said operating member members being disposed at a position; at which said
operating member is members are exposed to the outside of the apparatus in a direction
perpendicular to the first direction when said openable portion of the cabinet is opened.

Claim 2. (Currently Amended)

The A cabinet opening structure according to claim 1, wherein the openable portion of
the cabinet is disposed on a side of the cabinet generally perpendicular to the front of the cabinet
the apparatus further comprising an operating unit for operating the apparatus positioned
adjacent the front of the cabinet, wherein the operating member is exposed to the front of the
apparatus.

Claim 3. (Currently Amended)

The A-cabinet opening structure according to claim 2, wherein the openable portion of the cabinet includes a part of the cabinet on the same side of the apparatus as the operating unit.

Claim 4. (Currently Amended)

An apparatus provided with a sheet member transporting unit, comprising:
a transporting unit for transporting a sheet member;
a side cabinet having an openable a portion which can be opened in a first direction from the body of the apparatus; and
an operating member connected to the transporting unit, which can be manually operated;

the operating member being disposed at a position, at which the operating member is exposed to the outside of the apparatus body in a direction perpendicular to the first opening direction when the openable portion of the cabinet is opened from the apparatus body, said operating member being located generally along a transportation path of a sheet member in the apparatus[[;]]

first and second operating members connected to the transporting member which can be manually operated for operating the sheet transporting member;

wherein; the first and second operating members are concealed when the side cabinet is closed and the first and second operating members are exposed when the side cabinet is in the open position said operating members being disposed at a position at which said operating

member is exposed to the outside of the apparatus in a direction perpendicular to the first direction when said openable portion of the cabinet is opened.

Claim 5. (Currently Amended)

The An-apparatus provided with a sheet member transporting unit according to claim 4, further comprising an apparatus operating unit for operating the apparatus disposed on the same side of the apparatus on which the operating member is exposed.

Claim 6. (Currently amended)

The An-apparatus provided with a sheet member according to claim 4, wherein the transporting unit is connected to the operating member via a plurality of transmitting members.

Claim 7. (Currently Amended)

An image forming apparatus comprising:

a transporting unit for transporting a sheet member;

an image forming unit for forming an image on the sheet member based on image information;

a fixing device for fixing the image formed on the sheet member in the image forming unit;

a side cabinet for the apparatus having an openable a portion which is openable in a first direction;

a first operating member connected to the transporting unit, which can be manually operated; and

a second operating member connected to the fixing device which can be manually operated;

wherein; the first and second operating members being disposed at positions at which the operating members are exposed to the outside of the apparatus in a direction perpendicular to the first opening direction when the openable portion of the side cabinet is opened and the first and second members are concealed when the side cabinet is in a closed position.

Claim 8. (Currently Amended)

The An-image forming apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the transporting unit includes a registration roller pair for controlling a timing when the sheet member is transported with respect to the image forming unit;

the fixing device includes a fixing roller for holding the sheet member with the application of heat under pressure so as to fix the image formed on the sheet member; and

the first operating member is connected to the registration roller pair in the transporting unit while the second operating member is connected to the fixing roller in the fixing device.

Claim 9. (Currently amended)

The image forming-apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the operating member is located in proximity to an end frame member of the apparatus.

Claim 10. (Previously presented)

The image forming apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the first and second operating members are located in proximity to an end frame member of the apparatus.

Claim 11. (New)

The cabinet opening structure according to claim 1, wherein there is a cover with an opening so that the operating member is exposed to the outside of the cover.

Claim 12. (New)

The apparatus according to claim 4, wherein there is a cover with an opening so that the operating member is exposed to the outside of the cover.

Claim 13. (New)

The image forming apparatus according to claim 7, wherein there is a cover with an opening so that the operating members are exposed to the outside of the cover.

Claim 14. (New)

The cabinet opening structure according to claim 11, wherein the operating member has a star shape.

Claim 15. (New)

The apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the operating member has a star shape.

Claim 16. (New)

The image forming apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the operating members have a star shape.